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SUMMARY: ON TUESDAY, KOREAN HOME MINISTER SAYS GOVERNMENT
WILL STRONGLY RESPOND TO ADVANCE CAMPAIGNING FOR NCU, AND
CEMC BACKS HIM UP WITH LIST OF "DONT'S" THE NEXT DAY.
END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO VERNACULAR PRESS MARCH 22, ON MARCH 21,
ROK HOME MINISTER KIM CH'I-YOL TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT
THE ROKG WOULD USE ITS POWERS OF PROSECUTION TO CONTROL ILLEGAL
CAMPAIGNING FOR THE UP-COMING ELECTIONS FOR DELEGATES TO THE
NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR UNIFICATION (NCU). KIM ALSO SAID
THAT ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD "AROUND THE END OF MAY," BUT
MENTIONED NO SPECIFIC DATE. (THERE STILL ARE RUMORS THAT
GOVERNMENT WILL CALL ELECTIONS IN EARLY MAY, INSTEAD.) CALLING
FOR A CALM, ORDERLY, FREE, AND FAIR ELECTION FOR THE
SECOND CROP OF NCU DELEGATES, KIM SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD
WATCH ESPECIALLY HARD FOR CANDIDATES OFFERING CASH,
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GOODS, OR ENTERTAINMENT TO RESIDENTS OF THEIR ELECTION
DISTRICTS.

2. KIM SIAD THAT THE ELECTION MUST NOT BECOME AN OCCASION
FOR SPLITTING OF THE "NATIONAL CONSENSUS" OR A REVIVAL
OF "THE ELECTION ATMOSPHERE OF PRIOR DAYS". HE WARNED
THAT THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY VIOLATED THE REGULATIONS OF

THE CENTRAL ELECTION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (CEMC) WOULD BE PROSECUTED FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES IF THEY REGISTERED AS CANDIDATES. KIM SAID COMPREHENSIVE GUIDELINES HAD BEEN PASSED DOWN TO THE PROVINCIAL POLICE AUTHORITIES.

3. AS IF TO PROVE HIS WORD, MARCH 22 TONGA ILBO CARRIED FRONT-PAGE ADVERTISEMENT BY THE CEMC CALLING ON PROSPECTIVE NCU CANDIDATES AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC FOR COOPERATION. FIRST AND LARGEST SECTION OF AD LISTS TEN CATEGORIES OF PERSONS INELIGIBLE AS CANDIDATES. ANOTHER SECTION POINTS OUT THAT ONLY THE FOLLOWING THREE TYPES OF ELECTIONEERING (ALL TO BE DONE THROUGH CEMC) ARE LEGAL: A) POSTERS PUT UP BY CEMC, B) ELECTION NEWSLETTERS PRINTED AND SENT BY CEMC, AND C) SPEECHES AT JOINT ELECTIONEERING MEETINGS SPONSORED BY THE CEMC. IN ADDITION, ALL THESE ACTIVITIES ARE LIMITED TO THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE COMPLETION OF ONE'S REGISTRATION AS A CANDIDATE AND THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION. ANOTHER SECTION FLATLY PROHIBITS DONATIONS FROM PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES, THEIR RELATIVES, OR ASSOCIATED COMPANIES, ETC. FROM LAST JANUARY FIRST TO ELECTION DAY, UNLESS PART OF THEIR REGULAR BUSINESS.

4. COMMENT: IN FACING THE FIRST GENERAL ELECTIONS IN OVER FIVE YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT'S EMPHASIS IS MORE ON THE "DONT'S" THAN ON THE "DO'S". PRESS HAS BEEN REPORTING CONSIDERABLE CAMPAIGNING, HOWEVER OF THE TYPE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROHIBITED, AND HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE SEEMINGLY UNIMPORTANT POSITION OF NCU DELEGATE HAS ACQUIRED SOME VALUE AS A SOURCE OF PRESTIGE AND PERHAPS POLITICAL LEVERAGE.
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